

5223 OPEN LUNCH

Open Lunch is a privilege extended to seniors and juniors who wish to leave the school grounds and adjacent areas during their assigned lunch periods only. This privilege is predicated on the belief that pupils as they enter their final years of high school should be trusted to make mature decisions and act responsibly. The open lunch privilege requires a written agreement and compliance of parents and pupils with the code of conduct outlined in the Student Handbook.

The open lunch privilege requires a partnership among the school administration, parent/ guardian and the pupil. Pupils and parents will be required to review the Code of Conduct for Open Lunch (see following regulations) and indicate their willingness to comply with them by signing an open lunch contract. A parent may withhold permission for his/her child to participate in open lunch.

The decision to grant the open lunch privilege to juniors and seniors shall be made on an annual basis. Each year officers of the sophomore and junior classes will submit a request to the high school principal for the open lunch privilege in the following year. The high school principal may revoke this privilege at any time to the entire class if there is a substantial pattern of violation of the rules governing open lunch.

Pupils who fail to meet their responsibility may forfeit the privilege altogether and may be subject to other disciplinary actions. The Board directs the Superintendent to develop rules and regulations that promote compliance with the policy and ensure that only eligible juniors and seniors utilize the privilege of open lunch.

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Code of Conduct for Open Lunch

The decision to grant the open lunch privilege to juniors and seniors requires that eligible juniors and seniors will:

1. return punctually to class after the assigned lunch period through the designated doorways.
2. leave campus only during the assigned lunch periods;
3. demonstrate respect for classes in session by not making a disturbance when leaving or returning from lunch;
4. wear the student ID card upon re-entry to school during lunch periods and be prepared to show their ID Card at anytime.
5. demonstrate good citizenship by not loitering or littering while off school grounds;
6. obey all State laws governing the safe operation of an automobile and
7. adhere to the Code of Conduct as outlined in the Student Handbook.

Eligible juniors and seniors will not:

1. transport or promote the leaving of school grounds by ninth or tenth graders.
2. engage in any behavior that is harmful to themselves or others.

The class officers for the sophomore and junior class will present a petition to the high school principal requesting the open lunch privilege for the following school year. The high school principal's evaluation of this request will include but not be limited to daily attendance in classes, refraining from cutting, lateness, and respect of open lunch as a privilege reserved for juniors and seniors only. Once the privilege is granted to the class, the high school principal reserves the right to revoke the privilege for the entire class if there is a substantial lack of compliance with the code of conduct outlined above.

I. Pupil and Parent Agreement of Open Lunch Contract

An open lunch agreement that outlines the conditions for granting the privilege will be distributed to all eligible juniors and seniors. The agreement must be signed by both the parent and pupil indicating that these conditions have been reviewed and accepted and returned to the high school.

II. Orientation

- A. At the beginning of the school year, there will be meetings with each class-freshmen, sophomores, juniors and seniors-to stress the Code of Conduct for all pupils and the expectations of each class to earn the open lunch privilege.
- B. Parents of incoming freshmen will be informed of the open lunch policy regulations and agreement.

III. Enforcement

- A. Each Westfield High School pupil will be required to possess a color-coded photo identification card that must be worn when the pupil is returning to the building during the school day.
- B. Doors will be designated for entry and exit to the building and monitored by staff. All other doors will remain locked.
- C. The principal or his/her designee will periodically visit the surrounding neighborhood and eating establishments and other businesses to verify that only eligible juniors and seniors are off campus.

IV. Revocation of Open Lunch Privilege

- A. Ninth and tenth graders who violate the Open Lunch Policy will receive the following consequences:
 - 1. For the first violation, the pupil will be restricted to a study hall during all-free periods and lunch for ten school days. Parents will be contacted
 - 2. For the second violation, the pupil will be restricted to a study hall during lunch and all free periods for twenty school days. Parents will be contacted.
 - 3. For the third violation, the pupil will be restricted to a study hall for the remainder of the school year and receive an out of school suspension for two school days for willful disobedience. Parents will be contacted.
 - 4. Any further violations may result in additional suspension and restriction of the open lunch privilege in junior year.

B. Juniors and Seniors (11th and 12th graders) who violate the Open Lunch Policy will receive the following consequences:

1. For the first violation, the pupil will be restricted during the lunch period and all assigned periods for ten school days. Parents will be contacted.
2. For the second violation, doubling the penalty above. Parents will be contacted.
3. For the third violation, the pupil will lose open lunch privileges for the remainder of the school year, plus a two-day out of school suspension for willful disobedience. Parents will be contacted.
4. For subsequent violations, juniors lose the open lunch privilege in senior year. Both juniors and seniors may face suspension for willful disobedience.

C. All Pupils

There will be an automatic and permanent revocation of open lunch privileges for one year from the time of the infraction for any pupil returning to school in possession of, or under the influence of, alcohol or controlled substances. Freshmen and sophomores will forfeit the open lunch privilege in their junior and senior years.